

MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM by Chairman Charles B. Weasmer.

I. Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Richard Silvernail recommended the minutes be corrected by adding under the Good of the Order section that a question was raised by Professor Joe Ryan (EDUC) concerning the accessibility of the Faculty House for handicapped users. The correction should also include that Chairman Weasmer recommended the Chairperson of the Faculty House Board of Governors be made aware of the situation. Silvernail also announced that the minutes should be modified by renumbering the Roll of Attendance from A6-A7 to M6-M7.

Chairman Weasmer assumed the addition was acceptable. There being no other corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

II. Reports of Officers.

Provost Francis T. Borkowski acknowledged the accomplishments of the football team and the total athletic program. He noted that some problems remain in the program but that these have been substantially diminished. The Provost was especially pleased by the efforts of the Athletic Department to motivate the people in the sports program to complete their academic work and fulfill their academic degree requirements.

The Provost commented on the proposed Music Performance Hall. He indicated the State was not interested in supporting such a project at this time but that the University is working hard to obtain Richland County Council support. He stated the University has one major donor committed to a gift of \$5,000,000 and there is a possibility of obtaining an additional \$2,000,000 from other private sources.

As to the on-going saga of the 1985-86 budget, the Provost felt that we are in the best shape--at this stage of budget negotiations--that we have been in over the past seven years. Currently, the spread between what the Budget and Control Board has recommended and what higher education in the state needs to be fully funded with formula adjustments is only

\$5,000,000. This compares very favorably with the usual \$15-25,000,000 spread over the past several years. He did advise caution as problems could arise, but was pleased with the current status of the budget. The Provost asked for questions.

Professor Robert Carlsson (BADM) inquired if the timing for the Performing Arts Center was right.

Provost Borkowski responded that the timing might not be the best in terms of political negotiations but when a donor is willing to commit \$5,000,000 we had to move quickly.

Professor Brian Fry (GINT) asked if there was any agreement between the Administration and the Athletic Department as to block scheduling for practice as opposed to classroom time.

Provost Borkowski said that there was such an agreement but it did not entail utilizing special courses. Regular academic courses are used and the Athletic Department has agreed there will be no intrusion by them during those hours and during practice periods there would be no intrusion by academic departments for tutoring, counseling, and other activities. This approach seems to have helped class attendance.

Professor Fry asked what times were involved in the block scheduling.

Provost Borkowski was not sure of the exact times but thought academic work was scheduled across the morning and the latter part of the afternoon for practice.

There were no further questions and no other reports from officers.

### III. Reports of Committees.

#### A. Senate Steering Committee, Richard Silvernail, Secretary:

Silvernail placed in nomination the name of Professor Caroline Macera (EPID) to fill a temporary vacancy (Spring and Summer, 1985) on the Faculty House Board of Governors. The seat is currently held by Professor Ray Moore (GINT).

Chairman Weasmer asked for additional nominations. There being none, he noted the nomination process would be reopened after the Good of the Order section.

#### B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Robert Beamer, Chairman:

Beamer moved the adoption of the Committee's report as circulated. There was no discussion and by voice vote the report was adopted.

C. Curricula and Courses Committee, Professor Scott Goode, Chairman:

Goode moved the adoption of the Committee's report with a change in the prerequisites for HIST 497 and 498 to read "Open to history majors or by special permission of instructor."

Professor John Sproat (HIST) asked for a change in the description of HIST 315 to read "A survey from the earliest times to the present . . . .".

The Chairman ruled these changes were admissible. By voice vote the Committee report was adopted as circulated with changes. Professor Goode noted that Section IV was submitted for the Senate's information.

D. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor William McAninch, Chairman:

McAninch gave a "for information only" report on the auditing-of-courses policy of the University. A proposal to change the policy had been referred to the Committee by the Provost and will ultimately be taken up by the Board of Trustees. The current policy prohibits the auditing of designated skills courses and permits charges for auditing to be substantially below that for taking a course for credit. The proposal would make all courses available for auditing and would charge the same to audit a course as to take it for credit. McAninch reported the Committee had no problem accepting both changes. He noted that this would not increase the cost for a full time student nor would it affect the provision which allows senior citizens to audit all courses subject to the space available constraint. Faculty Advisory Committee did feel that if the Board of Trustees accepts the proposal they should acknowledge that the new policy would not affect, in any way, the right of a college or department to declare that any specific course, for valid reasons may not be audited. The Committee also felt the Board of Trustees should acknowledge the continuance of the space available proviso.

IV. Report of the Secretary.

None.

V. Unfinished Business.

None.

## VI. New Business.

Professor Mack Rood (GINT) noted that the media had reported a study group has recommended another look at the State Employee's Pension Fund as a potential source of funds for assisting state development projects. He then moved "the Faculty Welfare Committee be asked to look into this situation and report back to the Senate and to continue to monitor any attempts to tamper with the Fund." The motion was seconded, there was no discussion and on a voice vote the motion was passed.

Professor Robert Carlsson (BADM) requested information about the status of the issue concerning use of the Faculty House by handicapped persons.

Professor Joe Ryan (EDUC) responded that he had, on the advice of Chairman Weasmer, forwarded the correspondence concerning the matter to Professor Opal Brown, Chairperson of the Faculty House Board of Governors. She will bring the matter before the Board for their consideration.

## VII. Good of the Order.

None.

## VIII. Announcements.

None.

Chairman Weasmer then reopened the nomination procedure for the vacancy on the Faculty House Board of Governors. There were no additional nominations. He then declared Professor Macera to be elected to the Board for the period of Spring and Summer, 1985.

Chairman Weasmer noted that the next meeting of Faculty Senate will be the first Wednesday of February, 1985. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM with a hearty "Merry Christmas" from the Chair.